

Sole Source Aquifer – EPA Proposed Determination of Requested JBCC Machine Gun Range Communications Plan

Timing of Announcement: April 25, 2023

Planning Purposes – All dates subject to change

Purpose

Region 1 releases draft sole source aquifer project review determination to protect Cape Cod's drinking water in response to Massachusetts Army National Guard's plan to build expanded machine gun range on Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC).

Audiences/Stakeholders

National Guard, DOD, MassDEP, Mass congressional offices, Cape Cod municipalities, Mashpee Tribe, Cape Cod Commission, Barnstable County Commissioner, Association for the Protection of Cape Cod, OneCape, general public

Key Materials / Spokesperson(s) / Messenger(s) / Outreach Events

1. Press Release
2. Fact Sheet summarizing proposed decision & opportunity to comment
3. Talking Points for media interviews
4. Talking Points for calls to stakeholders
5. Updated Web content, including Q&As
6. Public Hearing held on Cape Cod (Location TBD)
7. Final SSA Letter and Report
8. Final Administrative Record
9. Mechanism/docket for accepting written comments

Significant Press interest is anticipated upon release of draft determination. Interview requests anticipated in first several days.

Item to consider: embargoed interview with Cape NPR or Cape Cod Times

Key reporters for pitching: WCAI / Eve Zuckoff (Consider Embargoed interview on 4/24)

Cape Cod Times / Rasheek Tabassum Mujib (Consider Embargoed
interview on 4/24) or Grady Culhane

Bourne Sentinel

WOMR – P'Town public radio

Provincetown Independent – Christine Legere

Barnstable Patriot – Bronwen Walsh (also with CC Times, The Register)

Bourne Courier – weekly

Falmouth Publishing Co. (Mashpee, Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich

Enterprise papers) – Bill Hough

Other TV/radio?

DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE: INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION ONLY

Key Messages & Supporting Talking Points

- EPA's draft determination is based on protecting Cape Cod's sole source of drinking water.
- EPA has:
 - o carefully scrutinized information submitted by the Massachusetts Army National Guard;
 - o has sought clarifying information; and
 - o reviewed thousands of pages of documents.
- EPA has concluded that the proposed range may contaminate the aquifer, therefor causing a significant risk to the source of drinking water on Cape Cod (resulting in a public health hazard).

Timetable for SSA Determination Announcement – Full Public Roll Out Tuesday April 25, 2023

Date	Time	Activity	Champion
4/21		Finalization of SSA draft determination letter and report, and distribution	Jane/Denise and All
4/21		Finalization of Administrative Record	Denise
4/21		Finalize fact sheet	Jane Downing/Denise
4/21		Finalize press release	Dave Deegan
4/21		Finalize talking points for notification calls	Jane/OPA
4/24		Pre-notification to MassDEP DW office	Jane
4/24		Call to Commissioner Bonnie Heiple	David Cash
4/24		Call to Andrew Gottlieb, Association of the Protection of Cape Cod	Jane
4/24		Call to Mass Army National Guard - Colonel	David?
4/24		Call to Raymond Jack	Jane
4/24		Call to Kristi Senatori, Cape Cod Commission	David?
4/24		Call to Mark Forrest, Barnstable County Commissioner	Jane
4/24		Call to Chairman Weeden (Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe)	David
4/24		Call to 4 Municipalities - Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich, Mashpee	Kate Melanson
4/24		Media Calls - Eve Zuckoff, Cape Cod Times, Bourne Sentinel, TV/Radio	Dave Deegan
4/24		Congressional staff call	Kate
4/25		Post web updates	Sandy Mojica/Jun Ng (D. Deegan)
4/25		Call to One Cape	Jane

Timetable/Tasks for Planned Public Meeting

Date	Time	Activity	Champion	Needed By
------	------	----------	----------	-----------

DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE: INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION ONLY

		Establish date/time	WD/ORA	
		Secure meeting location on the Cape	ORA	
		Prepare brief presentation re: SSA determination	WD	
		Identify hearing clerk	WD/ORA	
		Hire stenographer	WD/ORA	
		Plan commenter registration process	WD	
		Development plan for submitting comments	WD/ORA	
		Prepare agenda for public hearing	WD/ORA	
		Develop POC and Phone Numbers for Call List	ORA	

Materials to develop:

- Final Determination Report
- Press Release
- Fact Sheet
- Talking Points
- Web materials including Q&A updates
- Project Administrative Record
- Hearing Agenda